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POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN PORTUGAL SPREAD TO THE NORTHERN INDUSTRIAL TOWN OF OPORTO TODAY WHEN LEFTIST DEMONSTARATORS SET FIRE TO THE OFFICES OF THE MODERATELY CHONSERVATIVE SOCIAL DEHOCRATIC CENTER PARTY ECDS). COMMUNIST STRENGTH IN THE NORTH WAS THOUGHT TO BE WEAK, ALTHOUGH IT IS GENERALLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN OPORTO LABOR UNIONS IS STRONG.

CDS HEADQUARTERS IN LISBON WAS SACKED MONDAY NIGHT, AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LEADERS WERE SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH PRIDE MINISTER GONCALVES YESTERDAY TO PRESENT A LIST OF DEMANDS

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THAT WOULD ENSURE A FREE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE. PRESS ACCOUNTS TODAY INDICATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS CONDEMNED THE LISBON INCIDENT AND HAS ATTEMPTED TO ARREST SUSPECTED RINGLEADERS OF THE DEMONSTRATION. CDS LEADERS WILL NOT BE CONTENT, HOWEVER, UNTIL THE MAOIST POLITICAL PARTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE VIOLENCE IS E-2 IMPDET.4 BANNED.

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